

Troopers Arrest Smyrna Woman for Weapons Charges



Melanie L. Ballard

Smyrna- The Delaware State Police have arrested a Smyrna woman after she pointed a loaded handgun at her former tenant.

The incident occurred at approximately 3:32 p.m., on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 when Troopers were dispatched to the 400 block of S. Carter Road for a trespass complaint. Upon arrival, it was learned that the 44-year-old male victim had responded to the residence to turn over his keys. A disagreement ensued between the victim and 44-year-old,

Melanie Ballard. Ballard proceeded to display a handgun and pointed it at the victim, causing him to fear for his life.

Ballard was taken into custody without incident, and recovered from the scene was a loaded Glock 22 .40 caliber handgun. Ballard was transported back to Troop 9 where she was charged with the following:

- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony
- Aggravated Menacing

Ballard was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and released on \$25,000.00 unsecured bond.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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